

In the claims:

1. (amended) A card for insertion into a receiving slot of a host computer, said card comprising:
a circuit board;
a connector electrically connected to said circuit board and adapted for electrically connecting said circuit board to a host computer;
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a housing having said circuit board mounted therein and configured to provide access to said connector, said housing comprising a metal panel interconnected to a plastic panel, said metal panel comprising a plurality of tabs with barbs thereon, said plastic panel having one or more cavities receiving said tabs; and
wherein said plastic panel at least partially envelops said barbs of said tabs to prevent withdrawal of said tabs from said one or more cavities and thereby interconnect said plastic and metal panels.
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Cancel claims 15-17.

Add the following new claims 18-22.

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--18. A card for insertion into a receiving slot of a host computer, said card being manufactured by the process comprising:

placing a circuit board within a plastic panel and a metal panel, said metal panel having a plurality of tabs with barbs thereon, said plastic panel having one or more cavities adapted for receiving said tabs; inserting the tabs within said one or more cavities; and transmitting energy to plastic around said tab such that said plastic flows at least partially around said barbs.

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19. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is applied to said metal panel.
20. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is ultrasonic energy.
21. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is applied while the tabs are being inserted into said cavities.
22. The card of claim 18, wherein said energy is applied after said tabs are inserted into said cavities.--

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thankfully acknowledge the Examiner for his finding of allowable subject matter in claim 15. At this time, however, Applicants wish to address the Examiner's